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cancel 7. (Amended) The expression control sequence according to Claim 2, wherein the ρ -independent terminator is capable of functioning in a bacterium belonging to the genus *Escherichia*, the genus *Salmonella*, or the genus *Serratia*.

a2 9. (Amended) The expression control sequence according to claim 7, which comprises five segments an1 to an5 in order from an upstream side, wherein the segments an1 and an2, and a coding region for the leader peptide are derived from a sequence of an attenuator of a tryptophan operon of *Escherichia coli*, the segments an4 and an5 are derived from a sequence of an attenuator of a histidine operon of *Escherichia coli*, and the segment an3 is derived from a combination of the sequences of the attenuator of the tryptophan operon and the histidine operon.

a3 11. (Amended) A method for controlling an expression of a target gene, comprising the expression control sequence according to Claim 1, a promoter linked upstream of the expression control sequence and the target gene linked downstream of the expression control sequence in a culture medium, and changing an intracellular concentration of an amino acid on which expression control by the expression control sequence depends, to control expression of the target gene.

12. (Amended) A method for producing a target substance comprising the steps of cultivating a bacterium capable of producing the substance to produce the substance and collecting the substance,

wherein the bacterium harbors a DNA construct comprising the expression control sequence [as defined in any of the according to Claim 1, a promoter linked upstream of the